

Minutes - Board of Town Trustees

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
WILL County } ss. REGULAR MEETING
Town of New Lenox }

THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES met at the office of the Town Clerk at 1100 South Cedar Road on October 11, 2012.

PRESENT: William McCollum Supervisor
Annette Boyd Clerk
Michael Hickey Trustee
Martin Boban Trustee
Barbara Kaupas Trustee
Larry Wennlund Trustee

The following official business was transacted:

I. CALL TO ORDER

The New Lenox Town Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order on October 11, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor McCollum.

II. ROLL CALL

Also present:

Township Assessor, Bonnie Hernandez
Attorney Cass Wennlund, Wennlund and Associates

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban to approve the September 13, 2012, minutes of the Regular Meeting. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Kaupas seconded by Trustee Hickey to approve the minutes for the September 27, 2012 Special Meeting. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IV. SPECIAL GUESTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Matt Bruns, Bruns and Bruns. Certified Public Accountants

Mr. Matt Bruns reported for the Board that his firm was issuing an unqualified opinion on the Township's finances, that the Township is functioning with business as usual. Revenues and expenditures are the same, and setting up the debt service fund was a good idea.

V. BOARD ISSUES – ACTIONS

A. Approval of FY 2011-2012 Audit Report

Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Kaupas to accept the FY 2011-2012 Audit Report as presented. No further discussion; Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund and Supervisor McCollum in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

B. Resolution of 2012-04 Setting Compensation of Township Officials

Attorney Wennlund reported to the Board that he would like additional time to review the proposed Compensation Resolution. The wording regarding the IMRF was ambiguous and about differentiating between previous Trustees and future Trustees. Motion by Trustee Hickey, seconded by Trustee Kaupas to table the Resolution until the Regular November meeting. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

C. Approval of Section 125 Medical Program; Employee Contributions

Trustee Hickey reported that there was a meeting with the employees in an attempt to meet the October 15th deadline about accepting the plan with the \$2,800 opt out option. The Road District needed a little more time because of the problems with the change in plans, and then 2 months later, begins a new year. Trustee Hickey voiced that the Township needs a January 1st start date, and noted the Township was under the impression that they had a January 1st start date, not an October start date.

Supervisor McCollum reported that this issue is currently being reviewed.

Motion by Trustee Hickey, seconded by Trustee Kaupas, to approve the proposed Section 125 Medical Program and Employee Contribution with the \$2,800 opt out option plan as presented. No further discussion; Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund and Supervisor McCollum in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

D. Comcast Basic Business Cable TV Service Agreement at Senior Housing Center

Supervisor McCollum reminded the Board, when the Senior Housing Center was first opened, the building was classified as a government building, hence the cable service provided was free. The service has now been changed and will cost \$23.00/month for service in the Senior building. Motion by Trustee Kaupas, seconded by Trustee Boban to approve the Comcast Basic Business Cable TV Service Agreement as presented. No further discussion; Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund and Supervisor McCollum in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

VI. REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

A. SUPERVISOR

1. Molto Capital Tax Appeal Consortium Final Invoice

Supervisor McCollum reported that now that the Molto appeal was completed, the final payment from both the Road District and the Township was included in the bill packets. Supervisor McCollum wished to thank Township Assessor Hernandez for all her help.

2. November 6, 2012 Energy Aggregation Referendum

Supervisor McCollum reported that the Township would be having a Public House meeting on Thursday, October 25, 2012, to speak to the public and answer any questions that may be posed about the Referendum.

Attorney Wennlund reported that the Referendum will appear on the ballot for everyone, even though the Referendum would only apply to unincorporated areas of the Township, as other residents in the Village were already covered by the Village's program. Attorney Wennlund was waiting for input from the Illinois State Board of Elections and the Will County Clerk.

It was also noted that on October 26th, on cable Channel 6, there would be a presentation with the Candidates Forum at the Village Hall.

3. October 13, 2012 Marshall Cemetery Landmark Dedication

Supervisor McCollum reminded the Board of the dedication celebration at Marshall Cemetery at 2:00pm, on October 13, 2012.

B. TRUSTEES

1. Trustee Hickey

Trustee Hickey reported plotting of the additional grave sites in the new section is completed. 625 additional graves would be added to Marshall Cemetery. Whip markers would be needed to locate the spaces during the winter, and some of the areas near the trees would not be sold so as not to infringe on the root systems of those trees. The markers need to be put down first before any of the additional plots could be sold.

2. Trustee Boban

Trustee Boban reported that the proposed Senior Housing Project by the Alden Network across the street from the Township building appeared to be moving forward. It would be a 3 story building on the parcel, with 1/2 assisted, and 1/2 non assisted living. Trustee Boban noted that the Alden Network proposing the project has a track record of success with such proposals in the past.

Supervisor McCollum asked Trustee Boban if the Highway Commissioner had given the Township approval to do what the Township needed to do with the property behind the building in order for the Township to move forward with a proposed second senior housing building.

Trustee Boban pointed out in addition to the question about the Road District buildings, there was also added detail that another facility was planned for across the street. Trustee Boban suggested the Township may wish to temporarily table the proposed project for the time being until there was more certainty about the project across the street.

Trustee Kaupas concurred that the proposed project should be temporarily tabled until more definitive information about the project across the street was known, and what the Highway Commissioner had planned for the Road District buildings.

Trustee Boban would speak to the Highway Commissioner regarding his future plans for the Road District buildings behind the Township building.

Trustee Boban also reminded everyone to help promote the Township's Job Board.

3. Trustee Kaupas

Trustee Kaupas reported that the Triad has a presentation on Senior Safety.

Trustee Kaupas had also been approached by residents of the Senior Housing Building expressing thanks to the Township for keeping their rents low.

4. Trustee Wennlund

Trustee Wennlund said he was expecting an appraisal for the Willow Road properties and hoped to be able to report on those at the next meeting and suggested tabling the Executive Session.

C. CLERK

Clerk Boyd reminded everyone that Early Voting begins on October 22nd and Caucuses would be held on December 4th. Levies need to be filed on or before December 24th.

D. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

None.

E. ASSESSOR

None.

VII. REPORT FROM ATTORNEY

None.

VIII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Trustee Hickey, seconded by Trustee Boban, to accept all bills and late bills as presented and approve for payment (\$19,566.16 for the Township General Fund, \$2,170.81 for General Assistance Home Relief, \$18,253.33 for the Road District General Fund, and \$1,680.00 for the Equipment and Building Fund.). No further discussion; Trustee Hickey, Trustee Boban, Trustee Kaupas, Trustee Wennlund and Supervisor McCollum in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor McCollum pointed out that a communication was received from the Maplewood Cemetery asking the Township to assume ownership and management of Maplewood Cemetery. Supervisor McCollum wished to ask the Board for consensus to have Attorney Wennlund begin researching the proposal. Trustee Wennlund suggested the issue be tabled until the next meeting given the complexity involved in such a proposal. Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Boban to table forward movement until the next Regular Meeting. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

X. Executive Session to discuss matters concerning the Sale of Real Estate . Motion by Trustee Boban, seconded by Trustee Wennlund to table the discussion until the Regular November meeting. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Wennlund, seconded by Trustee Hickey, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53p.m. No further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Annette Boyd
Town Clerk